

PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING REVIEW PANEL

MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 16, 2005

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1717 CLEANWATER LANE, BLDG 4, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

PANEL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Maryanne Guichard, Chair	Department of Health (DOH)	(360) 236-3391
Joe Cropley	Washington Poison Center	(206) 517-2383
Steven Gilbert	Practicing Toxicologist	(206) 527-0926
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Alice Larson	General Public	(206) 463-9000
Karen Ripley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	(360) 902-1691
William Robertson	Washington Poison Center (WPC)	(206) 517-2356
Dorothy Tibbetts	Department of Health	(360) 236-3361
Gabrielle Toutonghi	Department of Labor and Industries (L&I)	(360) 902-5478
Ann Wick	Department of Agriculture (WSDA)	(360) 902-2051

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Allan Felsot	Washington State University (WSU)	(509) 372-7365
Matthew Keifer	University of Washington (UW)	(206) 616-1452
Maria Victoria Peeler	Department of Ecology	(360) 407-6704
Vacant	Department of Fish & Wildlife	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Morrissey	DOH	(360) 236-3368
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Opening

Maryanne Guichard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting agenda was approved. The April 21, 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

PIRT Review Panel Activities

2005 Action Recommendations

The 2005 Action Recommendations were accepted with revision.

PIRT Panel Meetings

Discussion on the management of PIRT Panel meetings was postponed until the August 18, 2005 meeting.

Presentation

Barbara Morrissey from the DOH Pesticide Program presented DOH illness surveillance around the Grandview pesticide fire in January 2005. Presentation included photos of the fire, general description of the incident, surveillance of occupational health monitoring of emergency

responders, and surveillance for community members who sought health care for symptoms during the event. Results from air sampling, conducted by EPA and WSU, were also presented. Recommendations based on lessons learned were discussed. DOH will finalize these recommendations and the written report and circulate these to PIRT members for further discussion and possible action.

Agency Updates

Agriculture

The WSDA Pesticide Management Division newsletter, *Pesticide Notes*, will be published in July 2005. The focus of the newsletter is pesticide safety.

Ann Wick distributed a list of the upcoming Waste Pesticide Program Regional Pesticide Collection Events. The program collected and properly disposed of 304,240 pounds of unusable and/or unwanted pesticides during the 2003-2005 biennium. This is a record for the most pounds collected during a biennium since the program began in August 1988. Since 1988, the program has collected and properly disposed of 1,713,227 pounds (857 tons) of unusable pesticides from 5,323 customers.

Health

In May 2005 the Pesticide Program resumed mailing Pesticide Incident Summary Reports (PISR). The PISR were for the years 2000-2003 and were sent to over 350 health care providers and to all local health departments. PISR list, by county, the patients who received care for pesticide-related exposures from the health care provider and also provide exposure information from the DOH investigation. In the future, PISR will be sent annually to health care providers and county health departments.

The Pesticide Program web site has been revised. The web site address is:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/PEST.HTM>

Dorothy Tibbetts attended the national Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupation Risk (SENSOR) meeting in Albuquerque. Under this program, NIOSH provides technical support and, for some states, funding to conduct surveillance on occupational illnesses or injuries. The DOH Pesticide Program works with SENSOR-Pesticides on various projects and forwards data for national surveillance. The focus for the 2005 meeting was education and outreach.

Labor and Industries

Gabrielle Toutonghi reported findings from the cholinesterase (ChE) monitoring program for 2005 to date (01/01/05 to 06/13/05). There have been nine Farm workers with alert at the work removal level. Four of these employees were depressed in 2004 also. There were 53 Farm workers with at least one alert for this time period. PIRT Panel members asked to receive the weekly ChE monitoring reports from L&I.

WPC

WPC is successfully providing electronic reporting of pesticide-related calls to DOH. WPC is now working with DOH to provide data from all calls so that DOH can monitor various other public health areas.

WPC is participating with DOH and other local and regional agencies to prepare for terrorist and natural disasters. A target activity for the group is to address the reliability of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for hazardous products.

Future Meeting Agendas:

The Panel agreed that time will be assigned on the PIRT agenda for monthly or bimonthly Science review of emerging studies. Steve Gilbert will lead this activity.

Location of Future Meetings

PIRT meets on the third Thursday of each month. All Seattle meetings will be held at the State Public Health Lab, 1601 NE 150th Street, Room S4. The Olympia area meetings for the remainder of the year will be at the Department of Health, 7211 Cleanwater Lane, Building 15 Conference Room, Tumwater.

As a majority of panel members are not able to attend the July meeting, it was re-scheduled for August. The PIRT Panel does not usually meet in August.

August – Seattle

September 15, 2005 – Olympia – Building 15

October 20, 2005 – Seattle

November 17, 2005 – Olympia – Building 15

December – No meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

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